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Application No. 09/976,384
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REMARKS

Claims 6, 8, 13, and 16 have been amended to conform with the specification by changing "access" to "access bore" as requested by the Examiner. These claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable formal consideration is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct an informality identified by the Examiner. The specification has been further amended to provide references to the features of the invention specified in the claims. These amendments to the specification constitute adding reference numerals to identify various features in the figures and to clarify instances where one feature is described in more than one way. The amendments do not constitute new matter as all of the features were disclosed in the original specification at least in the figures and were described in the specification as originally filed and previously amended without objection.

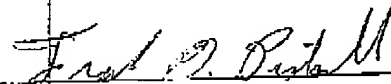
Applicant has amended certain claims solely to advance the prosecution of this application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Therefore, no admission may be inferred from the amendments to the claims herein and Applicant reserves the right to prosecute originally filed claims in later continuing applications.

It is submitted that the application is condition for allowance and formal favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview if this submission does not put this application in condition for allowance. The Examiner may contact the undersigned at (612) 492-7305 to schedule such an interview if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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